

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 7-9 and 19-26 are allowed. Claims 6 and 12-17 are objected to. Claims 10, 11 and 18 are rejected. Claims 1-17, 19 and 21-24 have been amended. New claims 27 and 28 have been added. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

Allowed Claims

Claims 1-5, 7-9, and 19-26 are allowed.

Applicant acknowledges the allowable subject matter. Clarifying amendments have been made to claims 1-5, 7-9, and 19-24.

Claim Objections

Claim 6 was objected based on antecedent basis.

Claim 6 has been amended.

Claims 12-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but as having allowable subject matter.

Applicant acknowledges the allowable subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 10, 11, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) on the basis of Katogi, Japanese Publication No. 10-285336.

Claim 10 has been amended to indicate that the carrier chassis is pivotably coupled to the outer casing. Thus, claim 10 should be allowed for at least similar reasons as the allowable subject matter of claim 13. Claims 11 and 18 are dependent and should also be allowed.

New claim

New claim 27 has been added and should be allowed for 1) at least the same reason as claim 10, and 2) at least similar reasons as claim 13.

New claim 28 has been added and should be allowed for at least the same reason as claim 10. *See* paragraph 21 of the present specification.

Foreign priority


Applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing out that no foreign priority data has been picked up by the Initial Application Examination Branch and notes that this is acceptable.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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